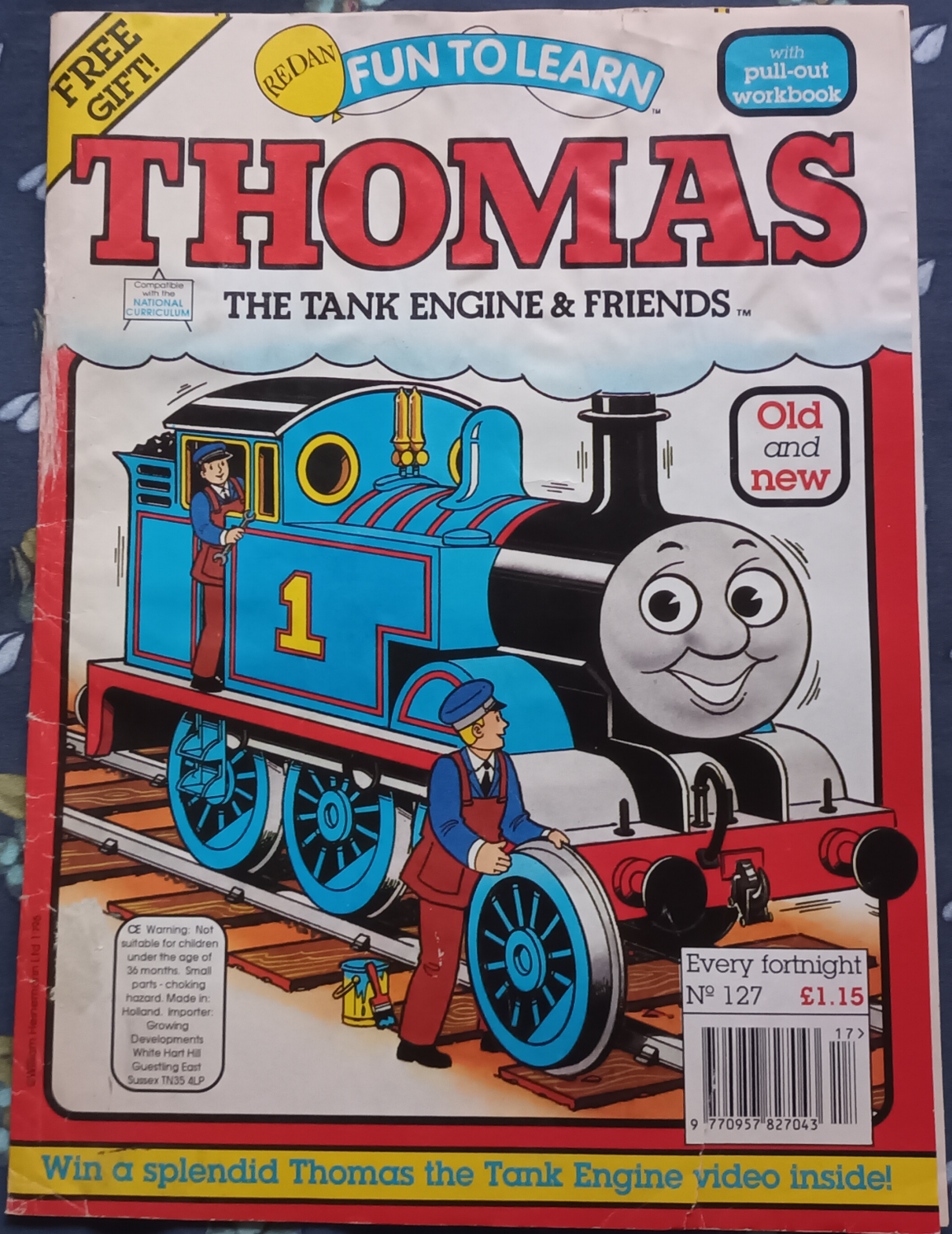
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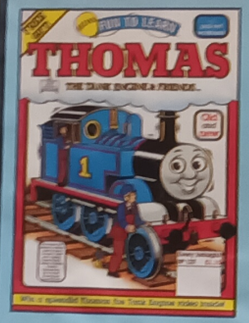

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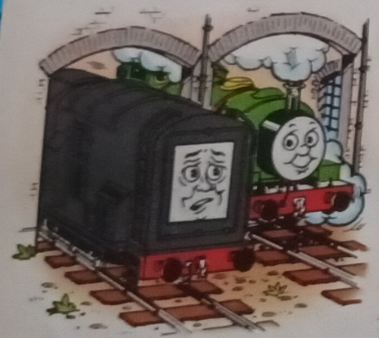
A read aloud story

THE NEW TIMETABLE

1 Percy was at the main station when Diesel slid up to him and said, "Steam engines like you are **old**. Diesel engines like me are **new**. New things are always better than old things, so that makes me better than you!"

2 "What nonsense!" said Percy. "Many old things are better. Some new things just cause trouble." The Fat Controller heard the noise and went over to the engines. "What is all this chattering about?" he asked.

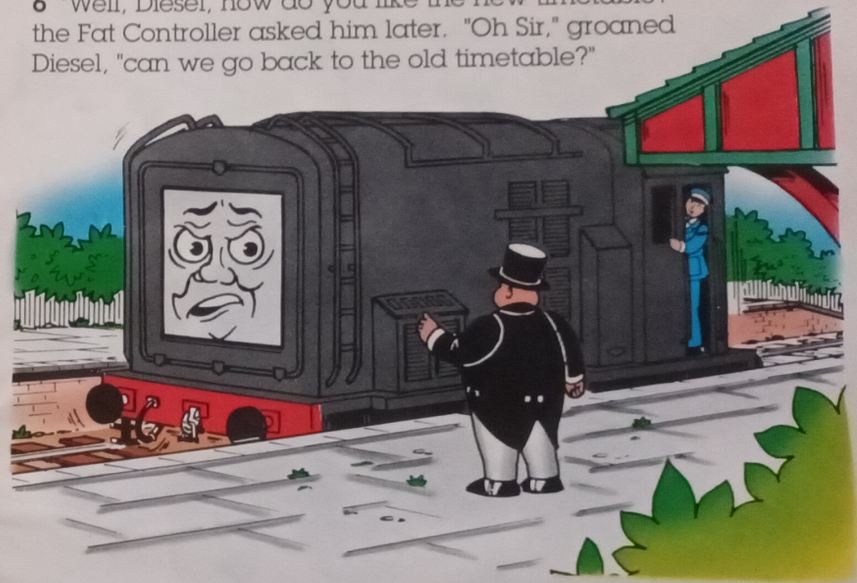
3 "Well, Sir," said Diesel, "I have just been telling Percy that old things are of no use." The Fat Controller looked very cross at first but then he smiled. "Indeed. Well, Diesel, I have a new timetable to give you this afternoon. As it is new, I am sure you will find it much better than the old timetable."

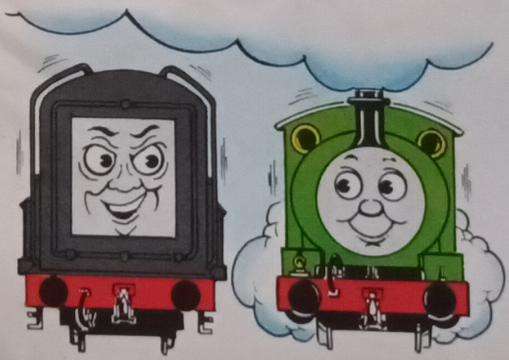


4 That afternoon, the Fat Controller gave Diesel the new timetable. Diesel did not like it at all! He had to get the coaches for Edward's train, then take the trucks to the quarry, then get some tankers and take them to the harbour, then move more trucks around the yard, then get the coaches for Gordon's express.

5 By now, Diesel was tired and Gordon got cross with him. Meanwhile, Percy was in the shed feeling very happy. The new timetable left Percy with no work to do!

6 "Well, Diesel, how do you like the new timetable?" the Fat Controller asked him later. "Oh Sir," groaned Diesel, "can we go back to the old timetable?"





7 "But I thought you said that new things were better than old things," said the Fat Controller. Diesel sighed. "I have learned that sometimes old things are better than new things."

8 The Fat Controller had given Diesel the new timetable only to teach him a lesson. "Well done, Diesel. We shall go back to the old timetable now," he said. Diesel was very happy and promised never again to say that old things were useless!

COUNTING TIME

Here are different old and new things that are found at the station, for you to count.

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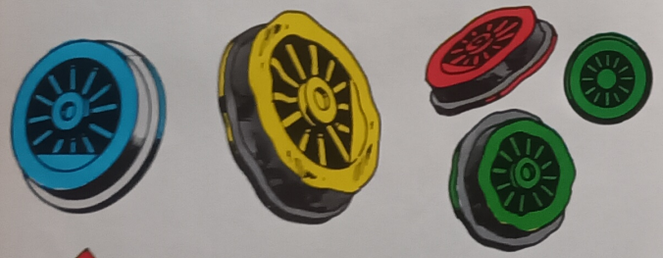
☐ new
buckets



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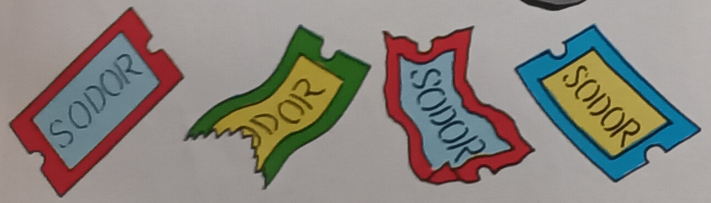

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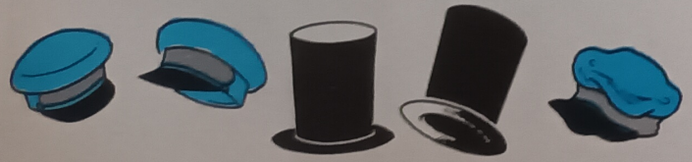

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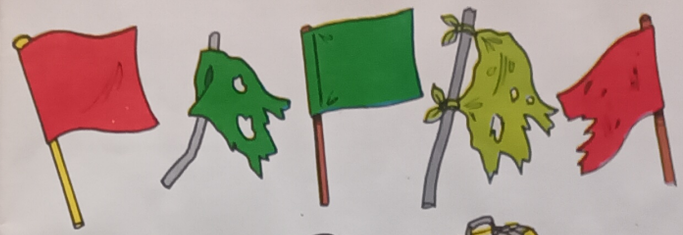
guards' hats



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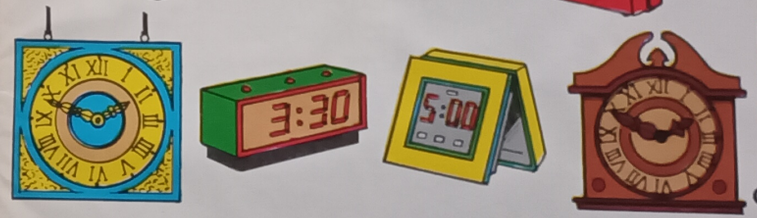
flags

☐ old
☐ new
suitcases



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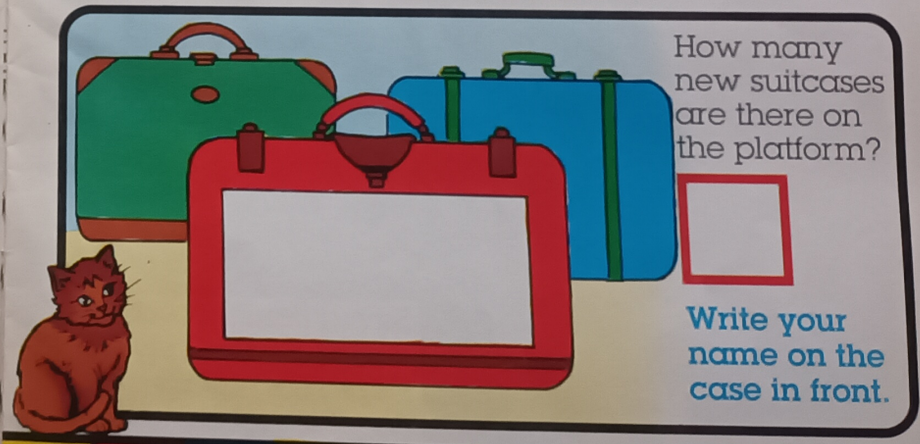

How many new suitcases are there on the platform?

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Write your name on the case in front.

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NEW FACES

Meet some of Thomas's new friends!

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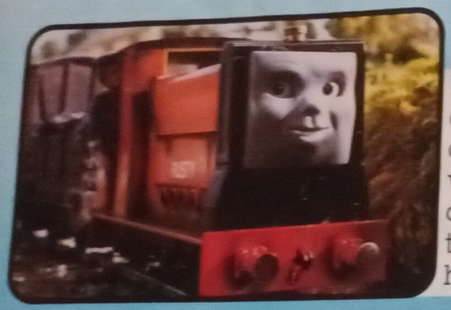
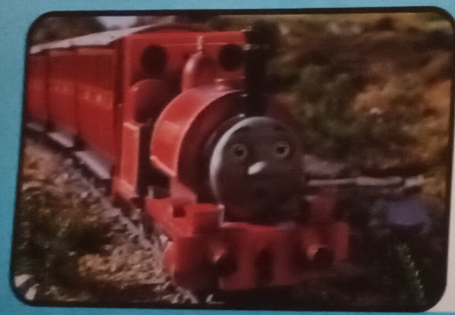


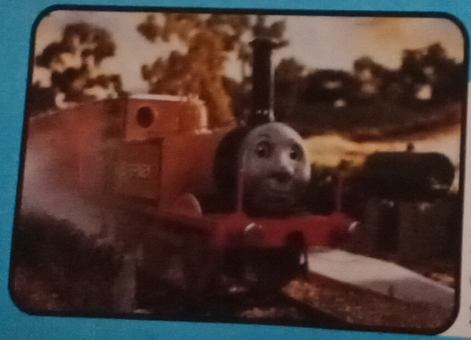
Fearless and determined, Rusty is a confident engine who enjoys an adventure. A friend to everyone, Rusty has a very big heart.

Skarloey



Skarloey is a chirpy engine with a great sense of humour. With his good friend Rheneas, he works mainly in passenger transportation.

Stepney



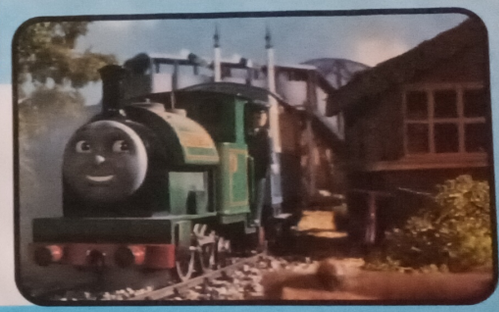
Saved from the scrapyard by Rusty, Stepney is always eager to please. He loves his work and all his engine friends.

Who's your favourite?

Put a tick ✔ in the box next to your favourite new engine.

Peter Sam

A hard worker, Peter Sam is a happy and kind engine. Although he is often teased by the other engines, he is a popular engine and loved by all.



Sir Handel

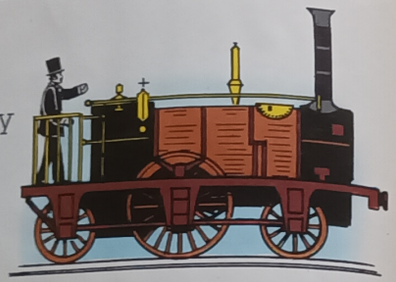
Taught by Duke, Sir Handel can be rather bad-tempered. Prone to temper tantrums, he thinks he knows it all and should be the boss.

Duke

The oldest of the Narrow Gauge engines, Duke's experience helps him win respect from younger engines. He enjoys teaching, and is gentle and kind.

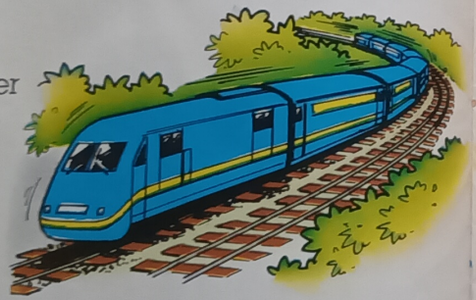
OLD AND NEW

Old
When the first railways opened over 150 years ago, engines looked like this. They travelled only 10 miles per hour.
How many wheels? ☐



New
Modern, high speed engines pull trains at over 100 miles per hour.
Which train would you most like to drive?

old ☐ new ☐
(tick ✔ a box)



Here's an **old** passenger coach with hard, wooden seats and no shelter.

How many umbrellas? ☐

Inside **new** passenger trains, people can have a meal and enjoy their journey.

Point to the waiter.

Old style cardboard tickets were issued and stamped by hand.

At a **new** ticket machine, a computer prints the tickets and takes the money.
How many tickets can you see? ☐

Some **old** railway stations like St Pancras in London look splendid!

New railway stations often have walkways outside, and modern shops inside.

Which station do you prefer? old ☐ new ☐
(tick ✔ a box)

These diesel engines are in a stack waiting to be broken up because they are old.

How many engines can you count?

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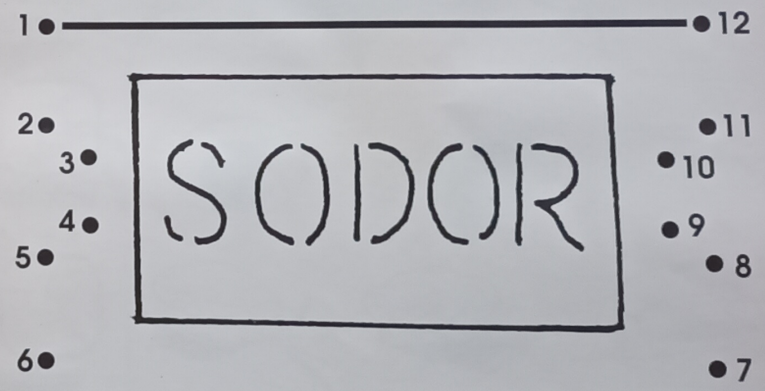
Join the dots to find out what passengers need to travel on a train.



They need a...

ticket

(write over the letters)

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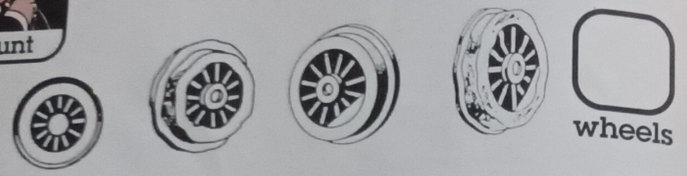
Write the numbers in the boxes.



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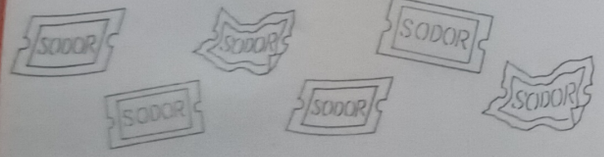

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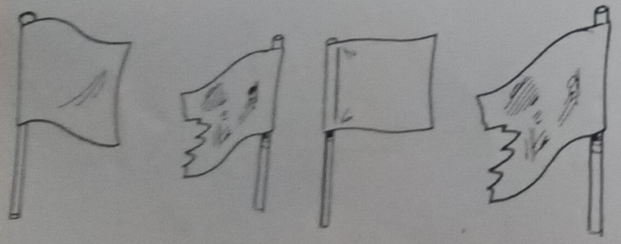

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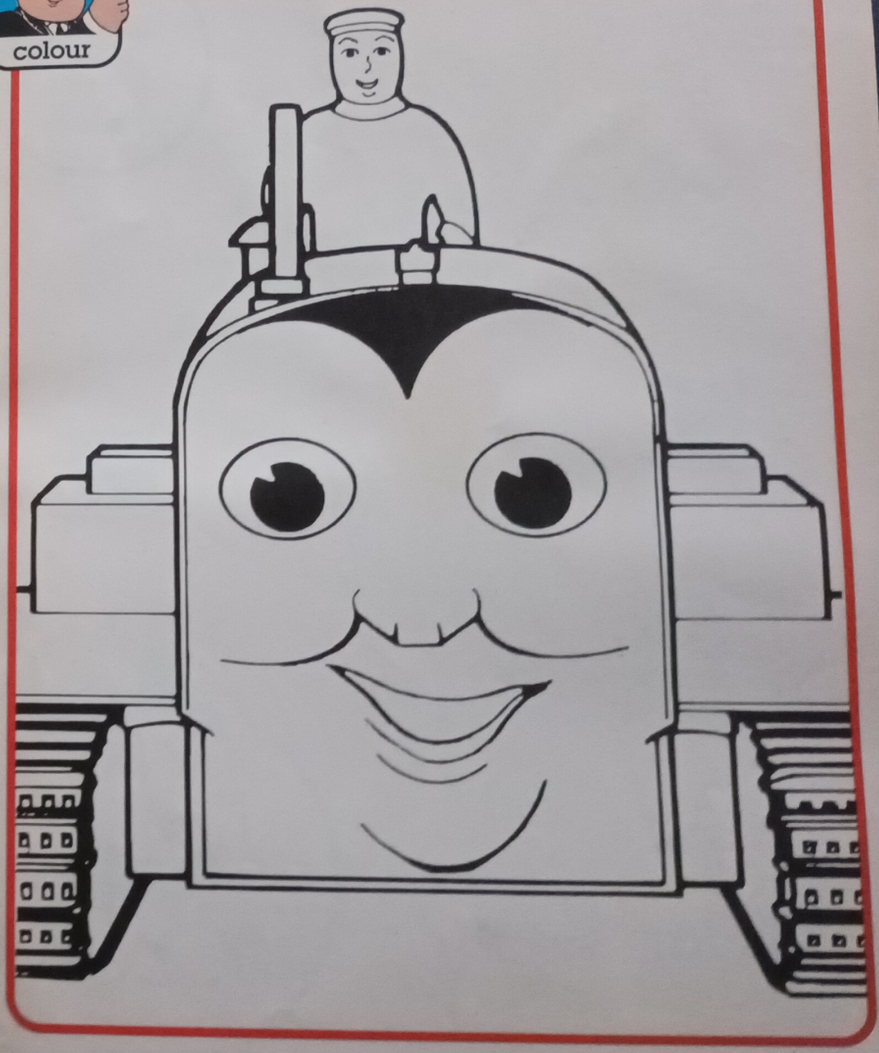
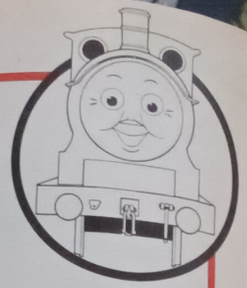


Draw Douglas in the space.



D is for Douglas

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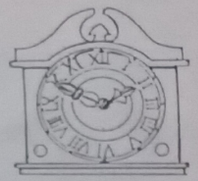
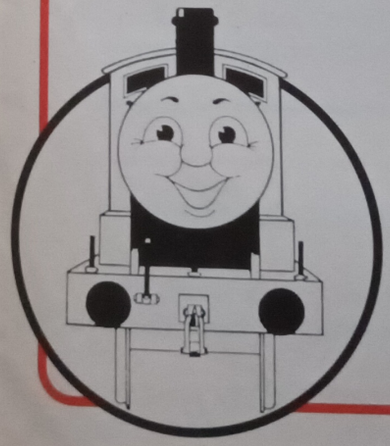
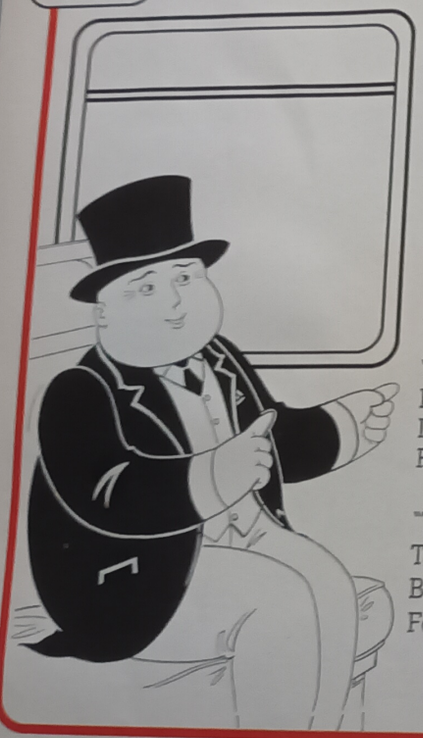
Draw lines to join each object to its partner.





Old Trains, New Trains



Thomas says, "The first trains
Were really quite slow.
Not nearly as fast
As our modern trains go!

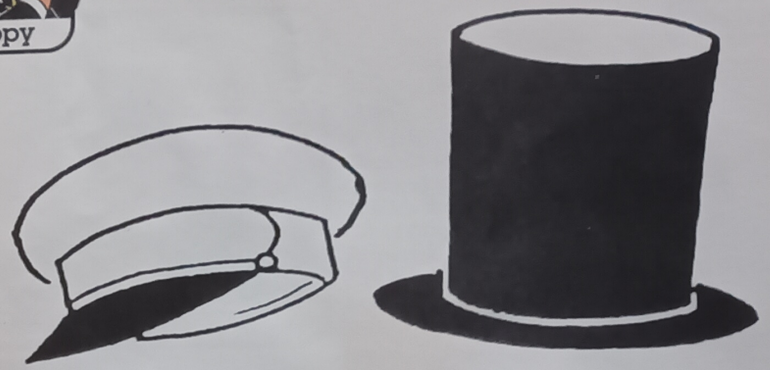
"To go a short journey
Could take a whole day,
Sitting on hard wooden seats
All the way!

"Today, of course,
Passengers travel in style,
In warmth and comfort
For mile after mile!

"The **old** trains made history -
That is quite true!
But there's lots to be said
For trains which are **new**!"

What do you remember about the rhyme?

- Were the first trains quite slow?
- How long could a short journey take?
- What type of seats did passengers used to sit on?
- Do passengers now travel in warmth and comfort?

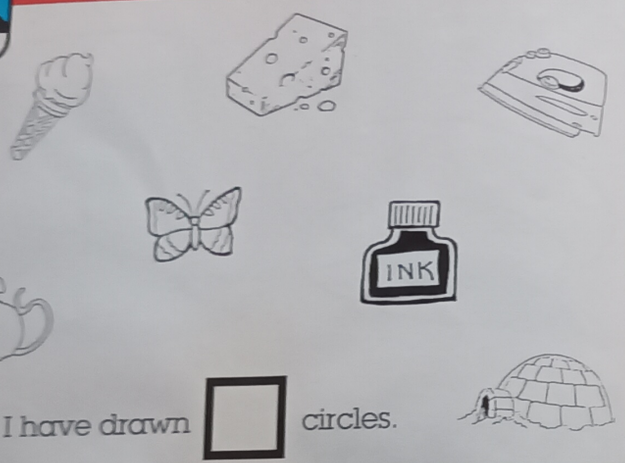


hats

(write over the letters)

Copy your own hats here.

Draw a circle round everything that begins with an **I** sound.



I have drawn ☐ circles.

CHECK LIST

Put a tick ✔ in the boxes by the pages you have done.

☐ ☐ ☐ ☐

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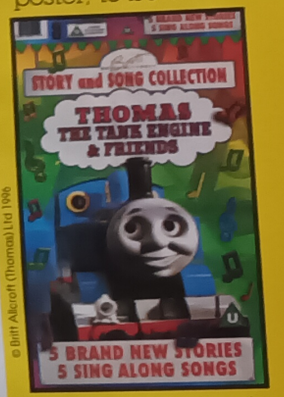

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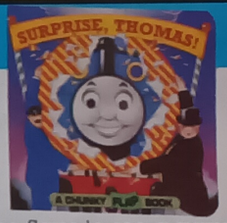

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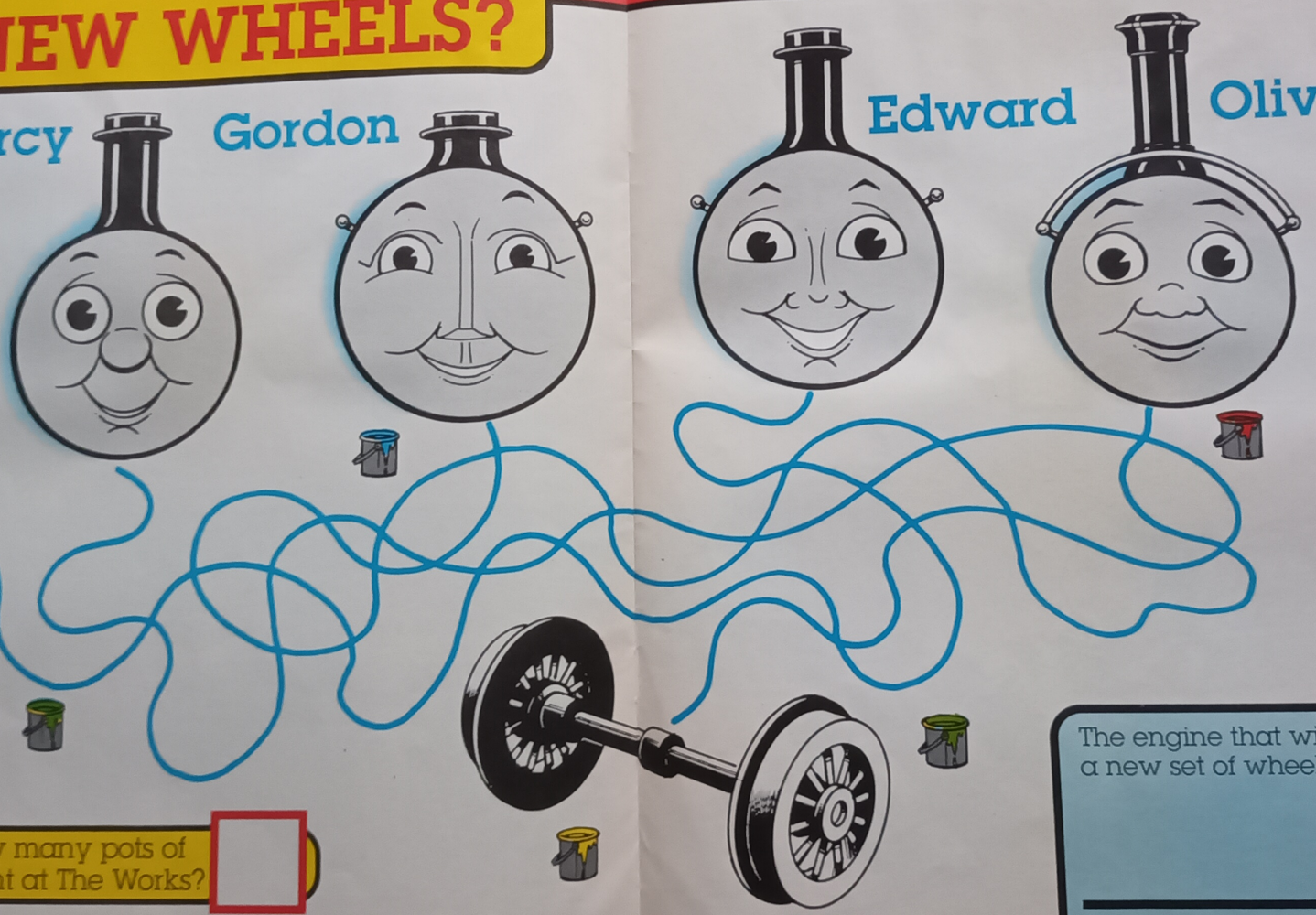
WHOSE NEW WHEELS?

With your finger or a pencil, follow the lines to see which lucky engine is going to get a new set of wheels. Then colour in the engine's new wheels.

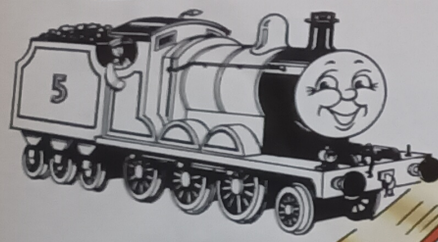


How many pots of paint at The Works?

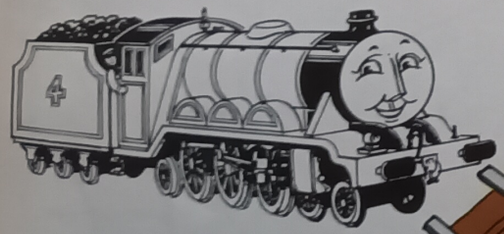
The engine that will be given a new set of wheels is . . .

(write his name on the line)

NEW TRACKS



Give James a **new** coat of paint. Colour him red with yellow stripes.



Give Gordon a **new** coat of paint. Colour him blue with red stripes.

Use a pencil or pen to join all the dots to finish James's new rails and Gordon's new sleepers. Then look at the buildings they both pass and decide whether they are old or new.

The house is...

old ☐

new ☐

(tick ✔ a box)

Colour James's new rails grey.

The church is...

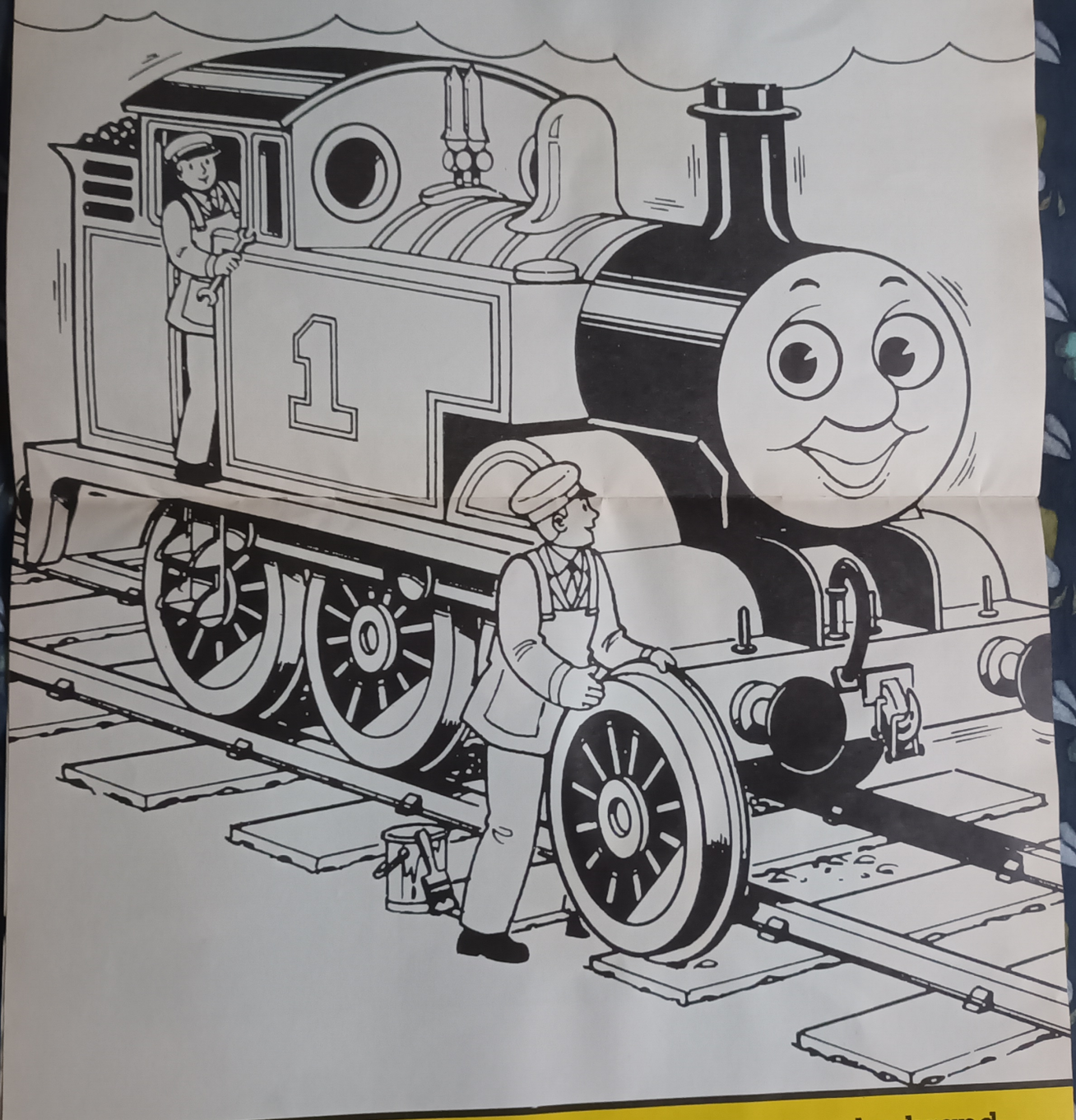
old ☐

new ☐

(tick ✔ a box)

Colour Gordon's new sleepers brown.

COLOURING TIME



Peep! Peep! I'm having a fresh coat of paint and a brand new wheel put on. I'll soon be puffing along the tracks on the Island of Sodor again.

PLAYSCHOOL

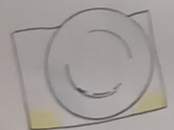
Grow your own seeds

The Fat Controller is showing Stephen, Bridget and their friends a way to grow their cress seeds. If you enjoy growing these, try growing sunflower seeds next!

Growing Cress

You will need:

- a big plate

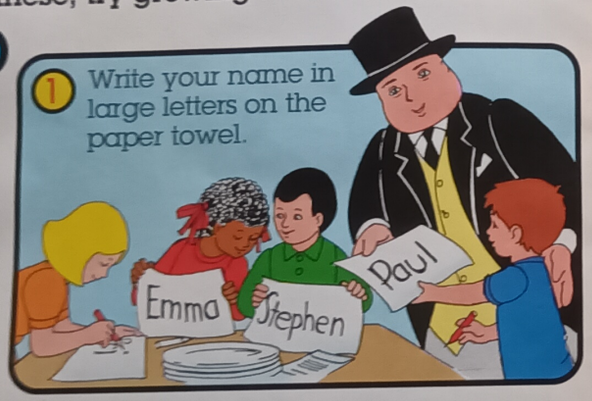


- white paper towel
- a pencil

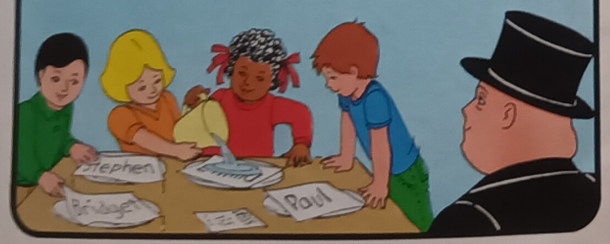
- your seeds

- water

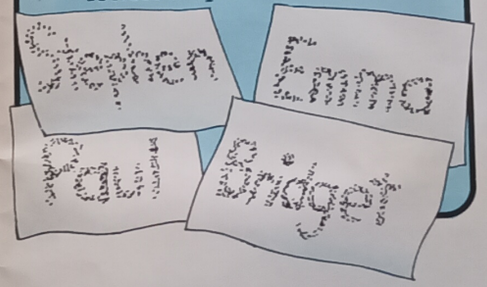
1 Write your name in large letters on the paper towel.



2 Put your paper on a plate and then gently pour some water on to it to make it damp right through.



3 Sprinkle seeds on to the letters of your name.



4 Keep the paper towel wet every day and your seeds will quickly grow on your name!

Cut the cress with scissors and eat it, with egg or cheese, in a sandwich!

Grow a Sunflower!

You will need:

- a packet of giant sunflower (Helianthus) seeds
- long garden canes
- twine

Plant the sunflower seeds outside, about 60 cm apart. **Water** the seeds every day. The sunflowers will grow very quickly and they can grow **very high indeed!** (Sometimes over 3 metres!) **Tie** them to the garden canes to stop them falling over.

NOTICEBOARD

STAR PICTURE

Donald pulling coal truck

Sam, 4, *Derbyshire*

Sam wins this splendid Carry Case and Thomas Diecast model from ERTL

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Thomas Flatman, 4; Sam Guthrie, 3.
Belated wishes go to: Alexander Smith, 4; George Willmer, 1; Thomas Willmer, 5; James Lomax, 3; Thomas Dagnall, 5; Alistair Taylor, 5; Dominic Adamson, 4; Charlotte Adamson, 2; Robert Spencer, 3; Kate Peacock, 4; Kyle Mould, 3; Marc Hitchcock, 5.
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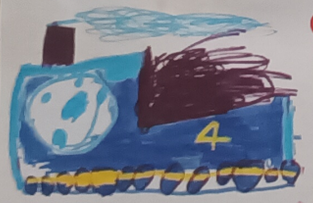
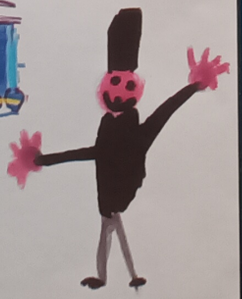
Gordon



Patrick, 4, *Bury*

The Fat Controller



Kate, 4, *Cardiff*

Henry

Steven, 4, *Esher*

Would you like to send the Fat Controller something to pin on his board? **The address to use is: Noticeboard, Fun to Learn Thomas, The Redan Company Ltd, Appleton House, 139 King Street, London W6 9JG.**

PEEP! PEEP!

PRIZE PHOTOGRAPH!

Here is **Josh Whiteside** with his splendid **Thomas** costume at a fancy dress party.
Josh wins a splendid pack of Thomas the Tank Engine Fuzzy Felt.

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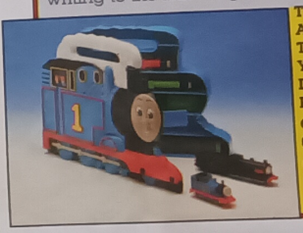

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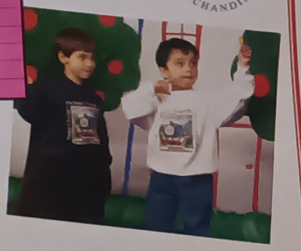

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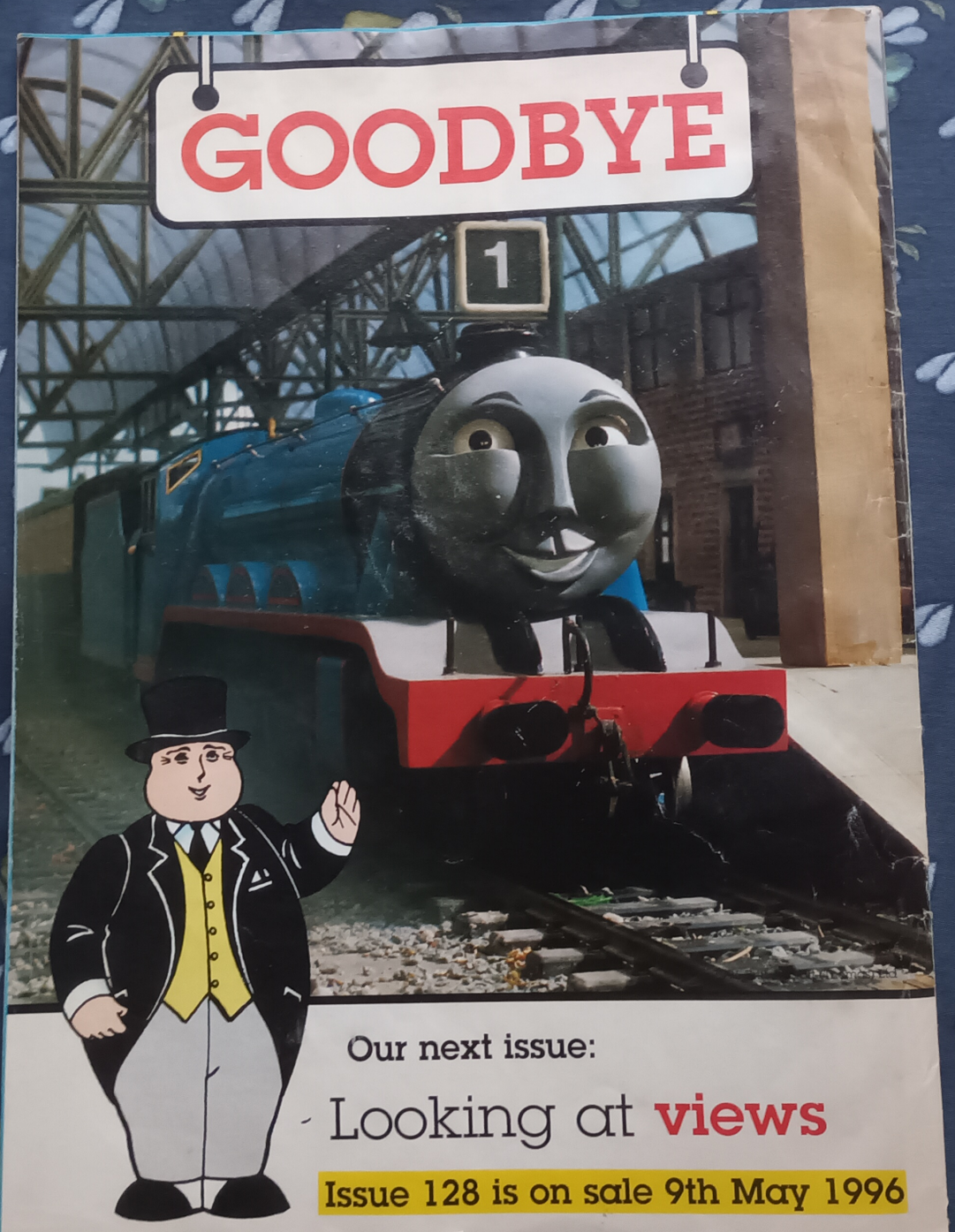

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